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'Start of a new horizon'

B.C. Place dome deflated to make way for $563M retractable roof

JEFF HODSON/METRO VANCOUVER

The iconic dome over B.C. Place is deflated yesterday morning beginning at 11 a.m. as seen from the Hampton Inn on Beatty Street. The process lasted 50 minutes and attracted hundreds of onlookers.

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The world's largest air-supported dome, which has sat like a giant pincushion above B.C. Place for the past three decades, was taken down in less than 50 minutes yesterday morning, changing Vancouver's skyline forever.

"It's the end of an era," said B.C. Place general manager Howard Crosley after all was said and done and the deflated dome hung from its cables like a deflated soccer ball.

"It's the start of a new horizon for a great future. And looking out over it now, you see the horizon for the first time. It's quite spectacular."

The deflation is one of the first major steps in a $563-million retrofit that will replace the dome with a cable-supported retractable roof. It will extend the life of the stadium by 40 years.

Hundreds of onlookers watched from nearby buildings and streets yesterday as the dome's 16 fans were shut off and the first wrinkles appeared in the normally taut fabric roof.

From the top floor of the nearby Hampton Inn, a large group of photographers watched as the centre of the dome began slowly to droop, revealing the towers at Metrotown in the distance.

The four-hectare roof undulated as it deflated, billowing up in sections and then sagging down. Groups of workers on the stadium's massive concrete ring waved and flexed their muscles for the cameras.

The deflation had been planned for Monday, but was rescheduled because of driving wind and rain.

The Dome

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HST petition has 300,000 names, but ways to go

PROTEST A lead organizer of the Initiative petition to repeal the HST says 300,000 signatures have been collected, representing 10 per cent of B.C.'s registered voters.

But Chris Delaney admits organizers have not yet reached Election B.C.'s required threshold of 10 per cent of registered voters in each of the province's 85 electoral districts.

Former B.C. premier Bill Vander Zalm has two months remaining in his campaign to repeal the Liberal government's decision to harmonize the provincial and federal sales taxes into a single, 12 per cent tax, effective July 1.

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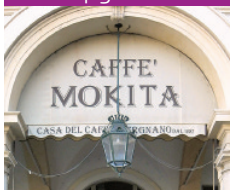

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Bif Naked sharing survivor's tale tomorrow

Juno Award-winning musician Bif Naked, left, will be sharing her story of surviving breast cancer at the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation's annual awareness day luncheon in Vancouver tomorrow. The reception starts at the Fairmont Hotel Vancouver at 11:15 a.m. Tickets are $125.

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Special prosecutor steps down after Heed reinstated

POLITICS Only hours after Kash Heed's triumphant return to cabinet, he was already dealing with more messy fallout from the election campaign scandal that forced his initial resignation.

Heed's re-appointment as B.C.'s solicitor general yesterday became muted when the special prosecutor that cleared him quit the case out of concerns he could be accused of being in a conflict of interest.

Terrence Robertson said in a letter to the criminal justice branch of the attorney general that his firm had contributed $1,000 to Heed's campaign shortly before last May's provincial election.

In his withdrawal letter, Robertson said the RCMP asked him several weeks before he cleared Heed whether he felt there was a conflict of interest.

He told them no.

But yesterday, Robertson indicated he was concerned about public perception.

Heed was reinstated after resigning last month in light of news the RCMP was investigating inflammatory mail-outs sent during last May's election campaign.

On Robertson's recommendation, charges were laid Monday against three of Heed's former campaign workers.

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People watch from the Cambie Bridge as the world's largest air-supported dome, which has sat atop B.C. Place for the past three decades, is deflated yesterday in Vancouver.

History in the making

Renovated B.C. Place to be first of its kind: GM

When B.C. Place reopens next summer, it will make history with the world's first retractable roof to replace an air-supported dome.

Renderings of the renovation show B.C. Place capped by a crown of 36 masts each spiring 14 storeys into the sky.

The total cost of the project is $563 million, which includes $458 million for the new roof.

"This is the first one of these in the world, as far as I'm aware," said Howard Crosley, B.C. Place's general manager.

Several air-supported stadiums in the U.S. have been converted to fixed roofs, he added, but all were much smaller, with capacities similar to GM Place.

Other than the size of the project — the roof is more than four hectares in size — the challenge, said Crosley, is that B.C. Place was designed with the forces pushing outward.

With a retractable roof, which includes 17,000 tonnes of steel, the forces acting on the building are essentially reversed.

For the past year and a half, workers have reinforced B.C. Place's columns and walls to support the new roof.

In the months ahead, a temporary column will be erected at the centre of the stadium to support the new masts during construction.

Each mast will be lifted in place by a massive crane carted into the stadium on 85 flatbed trailers. They will be attached by cable to the mast on the opposite side of the stadium. A B.C. Place video compared the new roof to 18 suspension bridges.

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News in brief

TRANSIT TransLink says it spent $178,000 upgrading ticket vending machines that had problems accepting debit and credit cards. Spokesperson Drew Snider said the machines were old, with their previous upgrade 10 years ago.

ASSAULT A 46-year-old White Rock man has been charged with attempted murder in connection with an assault on a Surrey man. The 50-year-old victim, who knew the suspect, was taken to hospital with serious injuries to his abdomen and back.

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Midwife both a student and a teacher in Haiti

HEALTH Vancouver midwife Candace Plohman went to Haiti to teach midwives in the disaster-ravaged country, but says it's the Haitians who are teaching her.

Plohman, who is chronicling her experience on her blog, candacegoestohaiti.blogspot.com, is one of 150 B.C. midwives being recognized today during International Day of the Midwife.

"I can't get over how much I have learned in such a short time," she wrote on her blog.

"The midwives here have been amazing and so patient, teaching me the ways of health care in Haiti. I've also been learning a lot about natural/Chinese medicine treatments."

Plohman is learning to burn umbilical cords with candles rather than clamping and cutting, which cauterizes the cord and prevents infection.

Her team is also waiting for the delivery of a 40-year-old obstetrical ultrasound machine, which will save expectant moms $30 — a month's wage — to use hospital machines.

Candace Plohman

Ganga Jolicoeur, executive director of the Midwives Association of B.C., said Canadian midwives play an important role training their counterparts in developing countries.

"The fact that (our midwives) are up on the latest (medical) information and skills ... a lot of that is transferable," said Jolicoeur.

"Having said that, there's also a lot of knowledge that is transferable (to us)," she added.

"One of our African placements (worked with) a woman who was 96 and had been a midwife since she was in her teens. I can't imagine she didn't pass on some wisdom to our midwives."

KRISTEN THOMPSON/ METRO VANCOUVER

Man, girls killed after vehicle, Vancouver-bound train collide

EDMONTON A Via Rail passenger train en route to Vancouver from Toronto struck a vehicle during a blinding snowstorm in Edmonton yesterday, killing two girls and a man.

Via spokeswoman Catherine Kaloutsky said the collision happened at a level crossing protected by gates, lights and bells. No one on the train was physically hurt.

It's expected to arrive in Vancouver this afternoon.

"We have 227 passengers on board the train, none of whom sustained any injuries," Kaloutsky said.

"Our two engineers, understandably, have requested relief."

Kaloutsky said the train hit the truck around 8:15 a.m., killing two girls under 10. Investigators are trying to determine if whiteout conditions are to blame.

A witness at the scene was quoted as saying she heard a "loud crash like a door slamming and I saw the vehicle fly, and when the train left I wasn't sure if I was imagining it."

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Faraway fans rooting for Canucks

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Metro asked Canucks fans in New Zealand and Germany about the challenges of watching hockey abroad.

Q How are you following the games?

A Andrew Raun, Germany: On NHL.com and CBC.

Katherine Purvis Mignon, Germany: In our living room on ESPN America.

Allyson Colgan, New Zealand: I am streaming live on my computer and projecting it onto our flat 45-inch TV.

Q Who do you watch the games with?

A Andrew: I watch alone. The only other NHL hockey fan I know here is a Flames nut.

Katherine: By myself, unfortunately.

Allyson: I am converting my Kiwi roommates. They have even watched when I have to work.

Q Do you have any superstitions while watching games?

A Andrew: For playoffs I don't shave and wear my Canucks ball cap.

Katherine: No. I just enjoy watching the plays.

Allyson: I have to drink beer or they will lose.

Q What's the hardest thing about watching from abroad?

A Andrew: Finding a place that prerecords the games or will even show them. Most American bars show American football.

Katherine: Not being able to attend live NHL games.

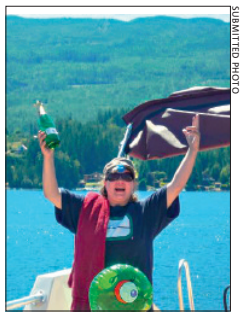
Allyson: I miss watching in Vancouver pubs, yelling at the TV with my friends and making up funny nicknames for other teams' players.

Q If the Canucks make it all the way, would you fly home?

A Andrew: Unfortunately, no. Though it would be fun to pop into Doolin's, have a Stella and watch the winning game!

Katherine: I wish! Too expensive.

Allyson: I wish!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Surrey native Allyson Colgan, seen here in her Canucks T-shirt, is streaming games live online while living in New Zealand.

'Veggie-Mobile' cruises back into town

LAURA FORTEY
for Metro Vancouver

ENVIRONMENT Used french fry oil fuelled a B.C. couple's record-breaking drive across North America that ended in Vancouver yesterday.

Cloe Whittaker and Tyson Jerry drove a Mitsubishi van dubbed the "Veggie-Mobile" as part of their Driven to Sustain campaign. It carried a trailer full of waste oil, mostly donated by New York Fries, that kept the diesel engine powered during their six-month journey that broke the Guinness World Record for longest journey by car using alternative fuel.

"It feels amazing to be done," said Whittaker of the 48,535-kilometre drive.

The duo said the trip combined Whittaker's dream of travelling North America by car and Jerry's dream of promoting environmental sustainability.

They spent $40,000 of their own money and spoke to more than 10,000 students at schools about living a greener lifestyle along the way.

"We need to be looking into alternatives in every aspect of our lifestyle … The van is a symbol of that," said Whittaker.

The couple are planning on writing a book and possibly a documentary.

"This is a finish to a bigger beginning," said Jerry.

LAURA FORTEY/FOR METRO VANCOUVER

Tyson Jerry and Cloe Whittaker pose with their "Veggie-Mobile" in Stanley Park yesterday. The duo finished a trip across North America yesterday in the car, which is fuelled by waste oil.

Whitecaps seek revenge against Montreal tonight

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SPORTS The Vancouver Whitecaps will be looking for revenge tonight as they take on the team that spoiled their chance at last year's Canadian championship.

The 'Caps take on the USL-champion Montreal Impact at Swangard Stadium in the second match of the 2010 Nutrilite Canadian Championship. The kickoff is at 7:30 p.m. and will be televised on Rogers Sportsnet.

Last year, the Whitecaps were poised to win the three-team round robin tournament, but were foiled by their USL rivals in the final match.

A goal differential of less than four would have won the Voyageurs Cup for the Whitecaps.

The Impact, who had won the Voyageurs Cup a year earlier to win a berth in the CONCACAF Champions League, rested some of its best players and was walloped by Toronto FC 6-1.

To rub a little more salt into the wound, the Impact went on to beat the Whitecaps for the USL championship.

The Nutrilite Championship runs six consecutive Wednesdays. Last week, home team Toronto FC beat the Impact 2-0.

Court upholds ID law for elections

HOMELESSNESS A B.C. court has upheld a contentious federal law that requires voters to show identification and provide proof of address to cast their ballots.

Judge Lynn Smith of the B.C. Supreme Court has ruled that amendments to the Canada Elections Act in 2007 do infringe on the charter right to vote, but the infringement is justifiable.

Four people challenged the law, including anti-poverty advocates and a woman who says it prevented her from taking part in the 2008 federal election. The plaintiffs, along with the B.C. Civil Liberties Association, argued that it makes it more difficult to vote, particularly for homeless people.

In her written judgment, Smith agrees the law will affect some voters' ability to cast their ballots, but says for most it presents a "minor inconvenience."

She says the inconvenience is justifiable to further reduce the already low rate of voter fraud and maintain confidence in the electoral system.

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News in brief

TICKET Vancouver police have cancelled a ticket issued to a man occupying a red tent on the sidewalk on Main Street. Const. Lindsey Houghton said the issuing officer was new and had not yet been briefed on the department's policy of deferring tickets to people sleeping in public spaces.

CHARGES The B.C. College of Teachers says it received a discipline report from the Coquitlam School District regarding substitute teacher Aleksandr Plehanov on five days police began investigating pedophilia charges against the man, news1130.com reports. Plehanov is accused of sexually assaulting three young girls.

HISTORY A ceremony was held at Vancouver's Victory Square yesterday to commemorate Canada's liberation of the Netherlands from Nazi control 65 years ago.

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Hunting for a fossil

B.C. aims to add another symbol

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British Columbia already has an official flower, bird and tree — now it's on the search for an official fossil.

The government is inviting the public to suggest ideas as part of a consultation process ahead of a new program to manage B.C.'s fossil record.

Steve Thomson, minister of Agriculture and Lands, said the Fossil Management Framework will become the blueprint for managing the province's rich fossil heritage.

"B.C. fossils tell us a story about the last half billion years of life in this province," he said.

"This story belongs to all of us and we want to make sure we hear from everyone through the province-wide consultation process."

The Fossil Management Framework will address use and protection of fossils based on a comprehensive review of fossil management in other jurisdictions and feedback from stakeholder groups and the public.

The consultation period ends July 2, 2010.

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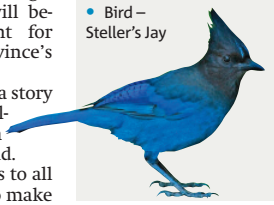
Province's official symbols

- Flower – Pacific dogwood
- Tree – Western red cedar
- Mammal – Spirit bear
- Gemstone – Jade
- Motto – "Splendour without diminishment"
- Bird – Steller's Jay



Provincial economy recovering nicely, says bond rating agency

ECONOMY A bond rating agency has given B.C. a glowing economic report, upholding the province's debt rating and suggesting it could return to a balanced budget a year earlier than expected.

The Dominion Bond Rating Service is maintaining B.C.'s long and short-term debt ratings at high, noting B.C. has one of the lowest debt burdens among all provinces.

The service says the province's forecast for economic growth of 2.2 per cent this year appears conservative in the face of private sector projections of 3.4 per cent.

Dominion says revenues from taxes and natural resources are expected to rise over the next two years, along with federal transfers related to the harmonized sale tax and the province might return to a balanced budget by the 2012-2013 fiscal year, instead of the following year.

When Finance Minister Colin Hansen brought down his budget in March, he said the province hoped to wipe out its $1.7-billion deficit by the 2013-2014 fiscal year. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Warrant issued over Robson Bight oil slick

ENVIRONMENT A warrant has been issued for the owner of a trucking company found guilty of six pollution charges linked to an oil spill in a Vancouver Island whale sanctuary.

The warrant was filed in provincial court in Campbell River after Ted LeRoy, owner of Ted LeRoy Trucking, failed to show up for sentencing.

The company owned a barge that listed as it was towed through the waters of Robson Bight Ecological Reserve in August 2007.

The judge found that LeRoy was likely "wilfully blind" to the poor condition of the barge.

The incident released a 14-kilometre oil slick into the pristine waters, a key orca habitat where whales swim up to rub themselves on rocks just metres from the beach.

The company was declared bankrupt in December 2007. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Ignatieff promises Internet access for all

Michael Ignatieff is promising high-speed Internet access for all rural, remote and northern communities. The Liberal leader says he'd ensure 100 per cent access within three years of taking power, at a cost of about $500 million. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada

Canadian spacewalker finds NEEMO

The first Canadian to walk in space is going to take on a different challenge, leading the next NASA undersea mission as commander of the crew of NEEMO14. The Canadian Space Agency has announced that astronaut Chris Hadfield, left, will lead the 13-day mission that begins next Monday. The space agency says the mission will use the ocean floor off the Florida coast to simulate exploration missions to the surface of asteroids, moons and Mars. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Crime ring busted

A nine-month investigation culminated early yesterday morning as police conducted several raids across Ontario, arresting 78 people and exposing the "tentacles" of a Jamaican criminal organization known as the Shower Posse.

More than 1,000 police officers fanned out across Ottawa and the Greater Toronto Area yesterday morning as they executed 105 simultaneous, predawn searches. The raids yielded at least 78 arrests, as well as $30,000 cash, $10,500 in casino cheques, 19 firearms, diamonds, cocaine, marijuana, hashish oil, vehicles and more than 10,000 ecstasy pills.

The police investigation, dubbed Project Corral, was instigated in August 2009 as a response to a spike of violence in northwest Toronto.

"We're very hopeful that by incapacitating these (criminal) organizations ... we can make our communities safer."
Toronto police Chief Bill Blair

The investigation was initially aimed at two street-level gangs — the Falstaff Crips and the Five Point Generals — but police were eventually led to an umbrella organization called the Shower Posse, a Jamaican criminal organization police described as an "international organized crime group that has tentacles into this street-level group ... and is profiting from their criminal activities."

"Over the course of this investigation, a more significant organized crime involvement has been identified," Toronto police Chief Bill Blair said yesterday.

"We're very hopeful that by incapacitating these organizations ... we can make our communities safer."

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Halifax **Good to see you, dad**

RYAN TAPLIN/METRO CANADA

Leading Seaman Chris Peters holds son Brady after returning home aboard the HMCS Fredericton yesterday morning. The ship returned to port in Halifax after a six-month anti-piracy mission. The streets of the city were filled with sailors as the navy marked its centenary with events across the country and a royal proclamation recognizing those who have served.

News in brief

HPV A new study suggests parents with more education are less likely to let their daughters get vaccinated against HPV. Researchers at the B.C. Centre for Disease Control say public health needs to do a better job of countering anti-vaccination information found online.

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Group claims ideology drove funding cuts

ABORTION A women's rights group says the Harper government has cut funding for 11 women's groups in the last two weeks — just as it prepares to champion maternal health at next month's G8 summit.

Kim Bulger, executive director of Match International, says her group is one of 11 to lose funding.

International Co-operation Minister Bev Oda says performance issues were behind Match's funding cut. But Bulger says the cut is part of a pattern of "ideologically driven" punishment against feminist groups — particularly those that support funding for abortion.

The government has said it will pay for family planning but not abortion.

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Exit welded shut at Mexico venue

Investigators say one emergency exit was welded shut and another was apparently blocked at a northern Mexico concert where five people died in a panicked stampede. Police have found two bullet casings at the scene of the Sunday stampede, and say the sound of gunshots set off a rush to the exits. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

Spill changes Governator's mind

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger says he will find another way to help close California's $20-billion US budget deficit after the massive oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico caused him to withdraw his support for a plan to expand oil drilling off the state's coast. He said TV images of the spill made him change his mind about the safety of ocean-based oil platforms.

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Oil rig workers file suit

Three workers who survived an explosion aboard an oil rig in the Gulf of Mexico have filed a lawsuit claiming they were kept floating in lifeboats at sea for more than 10 hours.

The lawsuit filed in Galveston, Texas, says the men couldn't even call home to say they were OK. It seeks damages for them and the family of a crane operator who died aboard the Deepwater Horizon.

Attorneys for the rig workers say those most seriously injured were evacuated by helicopter, but the others had to wait on lifeboats and some didn't make it home for 40 hours.

Cap the leak?

- BP's chief executive says that a containment dome designed to cover the Gulf oil leak will be on the seabed tomorrow and will be hooked up to a drill ship over the weekend.

They also had to give the company statements at a Louisiana hotel.

Rig owner Transocean Ltd. defends its response and notes 115 people survived.

In the meantime, cleanup and containment of a massive oil slick resumed yesterday as winds eased in the Gulf of Mexico and people along beaches and bayous waited to find out just how badly it might damage the delicate coast.

So far only sheens have reached some coastal waters. The oil has lingered in the Gulf for two weeks, despite an uncapped gusher. The slow movement has given crews and volunteers time to lay boom in front of shorelines, an effort stymied by choppy seas over the weekend.

The uncertainty has been trying for people who live along a swath of the Gulf from Louisiana to Florida. The undersea well has been spewing 200,000 gallons a day since an April 20 explosion.

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Senator pushes for raised liability limit

OIL SPILL A Democratic senator says U.S. legislation to raise the liability limit for the Gulf Coast oil spill can apply retroactively.

Sen. Robert Menendez is co-sponsoring a measure to raise to $10 billion the liability BP PLC has to pay for damages such as lost wages and economic suffering in the Gulf Coast spill. The current liability limit is $75 million, an amount Menendez called a "drop in the bucket."

Menendez said he was confident that the measure could apply retroactively.

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Several detained in Pakistan over NYC plot

PESHAWAR Pakistani authorities have detained several people in connection with the bombing attempt in New York's Times Square, intelligence officials said yesterday.

Authorities here also said the suspect detained in the U.S. in the failed bombing, Faisal Shahzad, came from a wealthy family in northwest Pakistan.

Shahzad was arrested late Monday aboard a flight that was headed to the Middle East for trying to blow up the sport utility vehicle in Times Square on Saturday.

Shahzad is the son of retired Air Vice Marshall Baharul Haq, a former top Pakistani air force officer and deputy director general of the civil aviation authority, according to Kifyat Ali, a cousin of Shahzad's father.

Ali called Shahzad's detention "a conspiracy so the (Americans) can bomb more Pashtuns."

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Secrecy shrouds Kim Jong Il's visit to China

ASIA North Korea's reclusive leader Kim Jong Il was making his way yesterday to China's capital on a rare overseas trip meant to be so secret that Beijing refused to confirm it — despite videos shot by foreign media showing him leaving a Chinese hotel.

Kim is expected to meet with President Hu Jintao and other top Chinese leaders just as South Korea inches closer to blaming the North for the recent sinking of a navy ship that killed 46 sailors.

Kim's visits to China — North Korea's chief benefactor — are usually not officially announced until he leaves the country. However, he was photographed leaving a hotel after reportedly arriving in the Chinese port city of Dalian aboard a luxury 17-car armoured train.

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South Korea **Blame game**

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A South Korean woman reads messages attached to portraits of deceased sailors from the sunken South Korean naval ship Cheonan, in Seoul yesterday. President Lee Myung-bak ordered a thorough review of South Korea's military readiness, calling the March sinking of a warship no "simple accident" as officials inched closer to blaming North Korea in the incident.

Protest banners spread on Acropolis

ATHENS Greek protesters unfurled banners yesterday over the defensive walls of the ancient Acropolis, the country's most famous monument, to protest harsh new austerity measures as strikes began across the country.

About 100 Greek Communist Party protesters cut locks on the gates of the tourist attraction just after dawn and spread the banners in Greek and English reading: "Peoples of Europe — Rise Up."

Greece's cash-strapped government announced sweeping spending cuts worth €30 million ($40 billion U.S.) through 2012 on Sunday

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News in brief

CHINA A fire in a dormitory for railroad workers in northern China killed 10 people, state media reported yesterday. The blaze began late Monday night in Hohhot, the regional capital of Inner Mongolia, and was brought under control within 30 minutes, fire department officials said, according to the national Xinhua news agency. Fourteen other workers were hospitalized for burns, with six severely injured, it said.

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Cut the pomp and circumstance

TheWestView

Her Majesty's a pretty nice girl,
But she hasn't got a lot to say.

– The Beatles

That little ditty nails, in a nutshell, Her Majesty Elizabeth R. II, unless you count her annual Christmas cliché dump, in which she expresses the view that "Phillip and I" are not amused by the suffering of the peasants somewhere in the world and someone should do something about it.

End of message.

So why does she continue to be featured prominently on our currency as the Queen of Canada? And why do we go through the ritual every five years of finding her a governor general, who we dutifully install as our head of state?

The whole nonsense should have been abolished in 1867 when we allegedly became a real country, or in 1982 when Pierre Trudeau smuggled the constitution past the corgis and brought it back home safe to Ottawa.

The last two governors general have qualified for the job by first apprenticing as CBC journalists. By that standard, I qualify as the next governor general of Canada, and as it's time to pick another one, I dutifully submit my name for consideration.

I can stuff a vice-regal uniform as splendidly as any former CBC journalist, which isn't saying much.

Seriously, I have nothing against Michaëlle Jean or the individual touted as her replacement, Canada's Man in Motion, Rick Hansen. True, Hansen doesn't come with as much baggage as Jean, who had to deny that she was a separatist and renounce her French citizenship. True, Hansen does live in British Columbia, which is almost as far from Ottawa as France, but the "British" part works in his favour.

Now, Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff is trying to stir the pot by recommending Jean's term be extended, contending that she's a more meaningful, meaningless figurehead than any replacement meaningless figurehead.

Attaboy Iggy, you sure know how to pick an issue. It's not as if we don't have any real problems.

Every five years, I hope — in vain, it turns out — we will seriously look at retiring the vestigial servitude that goes with a constitutional monarchy and emerge as the True North Strong And Free To Be Us. And every five years, it turns out we still don't have the jam to take our place among the real nations of the world.

Still, it's not too late. We've just had a shot of real national pride by staging the greatest Olympic Games the world has ever seen. It's time to build on that and give the Queen, her ridiculous family and her ceremonial hand puppets their walking papers.

God save us from the Queen.

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Word on the street: What celebrity would you like to have dinner with?

Leila Tlebaldiyeva
Visiting Vancouver

A: Angelina Jolie. I saw a good documentary of her and what she does. I like that she's involved in lots of charity work.

Jason Karman
Vancouver

A: Joseph Gordon-Levitt. I want to find out why he chooses the roles he does. Specifically, how he chooses such distinct, memorable roles.

Vivian Opacak
Vancouver

A: Lady Gaga, because she's unique and she's actually pretty smart. I want to know about her lyrics.

Raymond Thomas
Toronto

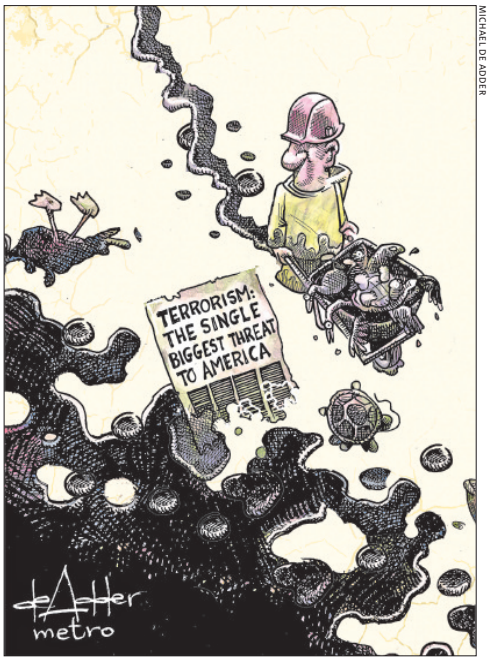
A: An interesting character: Gordon Ramsay, because I'm a budding chef ... He's from the TV shows Hell's Kitchen and Restaurant Makeover.

Haley Reap
Edmonton

A: Hands down the winner is David Bowie because I am a huge Bowie fan and because I would love to talk to him about art, art history, and theatre.

Shujaat Ansari
Ottawa

A: David Simon, creator of The Wire, because his shows are the most complex and interesting TV shows I've ever seen.



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Quebec construction rules too tight: Report

A report by the Montreal Economic Institute says Quebec's heavily regulated construction industry is a serious factor driving up the cost of building projects. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Business

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Upbeat, but concerned

Many businesses not yet running at capacity

Canadian businesses are gaining confidence the economic recovery is real, but they remain concerned that they're not seeing the results in their individual operations.

A new survey by the Conference Board of Canada shows business confidence, rather than rising with the country's economic fortunes, has stalled over the past six months.

The latest survey shows the confidence index dropping slightly to 95.6 from 96 as businesses fret that they continue operating well below capacity due to weak demand.

Canada's economy grew by a surprisingly strong five per cent in the last three months of 2009, and is believed to have recorded the biggest quarterly gain in a decade during the first three months of this year — in the neighbourhood of six per cent annualized.

"Confidence (won't) resume its climb until more firms start operating close to capacity."
Conference Board of Canada survey

But the survey, conducted between March 8 and April 6, found just 21.5 per cent of respondents said their firm was operating near capacity, while 37.1 per cent said their firm was "substantially below" capacity.

"Confidence will not resume its climb until more firms start operating close to capacity."

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Suncor **Big improvement**

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Rick George, CEO of Suncor Energy, addresses shareholders in Calgary yesterday. The oilsands giant reported better-than-expected first-quarter profits, with $716 million for the first three months of the year. The Calgary-based firm booked a net loss of $189 million for the first quarter of 2009.

Deal may mean more U.S. TV

BROADCASTING An analyst says Canadian TV viewers could see better U.S. programming on Canwest Global TV stations now that Calgary-based Shaw Communications has acquired the stations in a $2-billion deal that shakes up the country's broadcast sector.

Desjardins Securities analyst Maher Yaghi says the transaction could lead Shaw to buy more and better American programs to help increase Global's ratings and make the stations more competitive.

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Olympic ad campaign boosts Molson Coors

BREWING Molson Coors's advertising drive tied to the Vancouver Olympics helped to ignite flagship brand Molson Canadian's first growth in four years.

The Winter Games boosted sales across the Canadian beer industry as fans celebrated a record gold medal haul. Molson Coors's sponsorship of the sporting event contributed to a five per cent increase in sales to retail, stronger than the 3.8 per cent industry gain. The company estimates half of those sales was driven by Olympic ads.

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National regulator may finally be coming

REGULATION Finance Minister Jim Flaherty says he will have a draft bill on a new national securities regulator ready to send to Parliament and for a Supreme Court reference in a matter of weeks.

Flaherty has committed to seeking the Supreme Court's judgment on whether Ottawa has the constitutional power to enact such legislation after Quebec and Alberta objected.

The issue is also going to court in Quebec, where the provincial government, supported by Alberta, has challenged Ottawa's authority to intervene on what the two governments believe is provincial jurisdiction.

Federal governments have sought to create a national securities regulator for years, but the project has always ground to a halt over provincial sensitivities and suspicions the new national office would be dominated by Ontario.

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Bailout or no bailout, the Greek economic crisis could be very bad.

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Watching the game, having a Bud

Anheuser-Busch's flagship brand Bud Light will be the official beer sponsor of the National Football League, edging out rival MillerCoors, which said yesterday it wouldn't renew its deal. Anheuser-Busch's six-year deal, which begins in the 2011 season, is worth more than $1 billion US, a person close to the league said yesterday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sports

Say hola to 'Los Suns'

The Phoenix Suns will wear "Los Suns" on their jerseys tonight for Game 2 of the Western Conference semifinals. Owner Robert Sarver, left, says it's "to honour our Latino community and the diversity of our league, the state of Arizona, and our nation." The decision to wear the jerseys on the Cinco de Mayo holiday stems from a law passed by the Arizona legislature and signed by Gov. Jan Brewer that has drawn widespread criticism. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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San Jose Sharks Joe Thornton jumps on Patrick Marleau after their 4-3 overtime victory over the Detroit Red Wings last night.

Sharks take stranglehold

(San Jose leads 3-0)

Sharks 4 Red Wings 3

VS

NHL Patrick Marleau scored 7:07 into overtime, lifting the San Jose Sharks to a 4-3 comeback win over the Detroit Red Wings last night and a 3-0 lead in the second-round series.

The Red Wings led 3-1 with 13 minutes left in regulation.

Joe Thornton scored 6:42 into the third to pull San Jose within a goal and Logan Couture tied it with 6:43 left.

Game 4 is tomorrow night in Detroit, where the Red Wings will try to stay alive. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Vancouver Canucks goalie Roberto Luongo falls to the ice after Chicago Blackhawk Kris Versteeg scores during the third period of Game 2 of the NHL's Western Conference semi-final on Monday in Chicago.

Meaner and grittier

Canucks look to ramp up intensity as series shifts to Vancouver

NHL PLAYOFF PREVIEW

Chicago at Vancouver

VS

The Vancouver Canucks hope to knock the momentum out of the Chicago Blackhawks.

Defenceman Shane O'Brien wants his team to play meaner and more physical when they face the Blackhawks tonight in Game 3 of their NHL Western Conference semifinal.

O'Brien thinks the Canucks need to make a statement after blowing a 2-0, first-period lead and losing 4-2 in Chicago Monday night, allowing the Blackhawks to even the best-of-seven series at 1-1.

"At the end of the day, we are playing for the Stanley Cup here," O'Brien said yesterday. "You have to push back and show them you want it.

"Within whistle to whistle, we have to be a lot meaner and a lot grittier."
Shane O'Brien,
Vancouver Canucks defenceman

"Within whistle to whistle, we have to be a lot meaner and a lot grittier. They put their meat in the lineup last game and they did the job. We are going to have to come back and hold service at home."

Hard-nosed centre Ryan Kesler turned testy when asked if momentum had swung Chicago's way after the Canucks squandered a chance to take a 2-0 lead in the series.

"We lost a game," Kesler snapped. "So what!

"It's not over by any means. Being up 2-0 doesn't mean anything if you don't win the next two. It's 1-1 and a best-of-five series now."

Game 4 will be played in Vancouver on Friday, before the series returns to Chicago on Sunday.

O'Brien wants the Canucks to show more passion when protecting goaltender Roberto Luongo, who was bounced around and hit like a whack-a-mole by the big Chicago forwards.

At one point Monday, the Hawks' Ben Eager and Adam Burish both showered Luongo with snow without facing any retaliation.

Luongo has been outstanding for the Canucks, who have been outshot 71-54 in the two games. He frustrated the Hawks with some great saves, and hasn't been intimidated by the traffic around his crease

The Canucks find themselves in a situation eerily similar to last year's conference semifinal.

Vancouver took a 1-0 lead into the third period of Game 4, knowing a victory would put them up 3-1 in the series. The Hawks tied the game, then won 2-1 in overtime. Chicago went on to win the next two matches and took the series in six games.

Kesler turned grumpy with the media when the subject was brought up.

"We're not even thinking about that right now," he said. "Game 4 last year is out of our mind."

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Pens stifle Habs to grab series lead

(Pittsburgh leads 2-1)

Penguins 2 Canadiens 0

VS

Evgeni Malkin scored on a power play to break a scoreless draw early in the third period and Marc-Andre Fleury made 18 saves to lead the Pittsburgh Penguins to a mostly uneventful 2-0 victory over the Montreal Canadiens in the NHL playoffs last night.

Pascal Dupuis added a late empty-net goal for the Penguins, who showed they can play defensive hockey as well as Montreal.

The Pens lead the best-of-seven Eastern Conference semifinal 2-1 with Game 4 set for tomorrow night at the Bell Centre.

Malkin, who had been quiet in the first two games in Pittsburgh, ended a four-game scoring drought to help the Penguins wrest back the home-ice advantage they had given up with a 3-1 loss at home Sunday afternoon.

It wasn't pretty hockey as neither team opened up its attack, and the Penguins allowed few good chances on Fleury, while Jaroslav Halak was strong in a losing effort as Pittsburgh outshot Montreal 25-18. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Southwest for bumping passengers
Southwest Airlines Co., which bumped more passengers than any U.S. carrier last year, has been fined $200,000 for violating rules on kicking passengers off oversold flights. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Travel

Finding the best of England

Frommer's England 2010 features gorgeous color photos and maps, a detachable foldout map of London, and details on all of the country's top cities, villages, gardens, countryside destinations, and more. Frommer's England 2009 details the best overall travel experiences, from pub crawls to antique shopping to theater-going. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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5 great coffee shops

Metro finds the best places in Turin to sip some joe

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Turin coffee is closer to an art form than anything its museums have to offer.

Few cities take their coffee more seriously than Turin.

And if Wikipedia describes coffee as "a brewed drink prepared from roasted seeds," then it's safe to assume the writer has probably never been to Italy.

In Italy, coffee is an art form; a cornerstone of cultural and social life, and an intrinsic part of the daily ritual.

And nowhere is it taken more seriously than in Turin — home of Lavazza.

Here's our favourite five.

1 Caffè San Carlo

God's own coffee shop — this place has as much Carerra marble as St. Peters and is twice as opulent.

A gorgeous, gilded, chandelier-heavy establishment which has provided amazing service since 1822. Coffee at $1 a cup seems like stealing.

2 Baratti e Milano

Looking like a relative youngster at only 151-years-old, the Baratti e Milano is similarly steeped in classiness and history. There's an old fashioned pride in the way the coffee is served.

3 Caffè Torino

This one is only about 70-years-old, but still hugely impressive. There's a gold bull inlaid in the pavement outside promising good luck to those who step on his, ahem, cajones. Huge welcome and superb coffee.

4 Bar Mokita

It doesn't try to compete with the history of the big boys, but this bar's '70s boutique style is very Turin. It attracts a very cool business/media type of drinker and serves excellent coffee. Great place for a pre-dinner prosecco. (Piazza San Carlo 217)

5 Caffè Mulassano

It's a small but perfectly formed coffee shop that is well-used by serious coffee lovers. It has a lovely decor, plush furnishings and countless objets d'art, and, for me, the best espresso in the city.

San Carlo has been serving cups of coffee since 1822.

Mokita is a popular spot for the after-work business crowd.

6 Great Turin Hotels

- Chelsea: The lovely, family-operated Hotel Chelsea offers all its guests welcoming and elegant environment. Just recently renovated, the hotel offers all the modern comforts to suit the needs of both business and leisure travelers, without an uptight feel that some area hotels have.
- Town House 70: The hotel Town House 70 boasts a strategic location in Turin city center, just behind the main square of the city – the famous Piazza Castello.
- Hotel Residence Sporting: Hotel Residence Sporting in Turin has a limited number of rooms, but they are all finely furnished with a luxury design. Every room is equipped with kitchen facilities, AC, heating unit, safe deposit, shower, satellite TV and internet access.
- Pacific Hotel Fortino: Cosy little flats and 92 different rooms available that will assure you a pleasant stay in Turin, at short distance from the airport Sndro Pertini.
- Principe di Piemonte: The hotel Principe di Piemonte is an elegant five-star hotel, with luxury suites available and a golf ground nearby; located near one of the most famous shopping venue, Via Roma, and rail station Porta Nuova
- Artuà & Solferino: The hotel Artuà & Solferino is situated in one of the most elegant areas of the historical centre of Turin, Piazza Solferino, in a quiet and little street close to the famous Egizio Museum and the Royal Palace. The area is very safe even at night , ideal for women.

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Move over, Milan! Later, London! Sayonara, Tokyo! While these cities offer world-class shopping, other destinations have the goods along with global value.

Istanbul, Turkey

The idea for the shopping mall was probably inspired by the Grand Bazaar, the 500-year-old covered market touting 4,000 shops stocked with everything from lamps to carpets to ticky-tacky souvenirs. Nişantaşı is the area for high-end design, while posh department store Beymen features a collection of local hero Hussein Chalayan's designs.

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Istanbul's Grand Bazaar—the original shopping mall.

Berlin, Germany

Bohemia rules in Berlin, where the Kurfürstendamm is the main shopping drag. Nearby, don't miss the KaDeWe department store, Europe's second largest, with its impressive gourmet food hall. Terrific specialty shops abound around town: Pick up your funky eyewear at Ic! Berlin (www.ic-berlin.de); take home classic perfumery from Harry Lehmann (www.parfum-individual.de) and check out Über Store (www.ueber-store.de) for designy, eclectic housewares.

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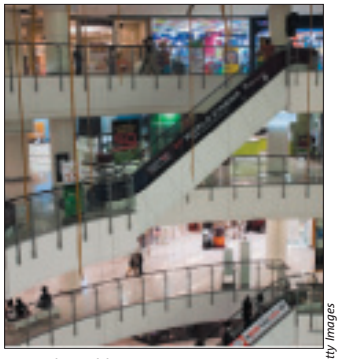
Get a little bit of everything at KaDeWe

Bangkok, Thailand

Two days are barely enough time to absorb the Weekend Market, where you can pick up anything from crafts to live roosters among 15,000 stalls. Love gemstones? Poke around the dozens of traders around Charoen Krung, Silom and Surasak roads. And don't forget to visit Southeast Asia's largest mall, Central World.



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Central World

Cape Town, South Africa

In its preparation for this year's FIFA World Cup championship, shopping has become a sport in this city. The place to spend your rand: De Waterkant, a quaint cobblestoned neighborhood made up of 18th-century cottages. Design aficionados should hit the rustic Baraka and the locally inspired Africa Nova there.

Africa Nova

Buenos Aires, Argentina

Its sophisticated style earned B.A. its nickname as the "Paris of South America." Antiquers scour San Telmo's market at Plaza Dorrego while leather lovers prowl the shops along the Calle Florida. While there, admire the frescoed dome at the Galerías Pacífico. Palermo has the hippest boutiques; you'll find dresses to handmade tango shoes along Calle El Salvador there.

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Berlin just finished a $6-million bike trail that follows the path of the 100-mile long Berlin Wall.

STRADDLING THE DIVIDE: BIKING THE BERLIN WALL

The divisive wall is no more. In its place is one of the most delightful cycling paths in all of Europe—the Mauerweg. Eugene Henderson put his bicycle clips on.

In the 20th century, there were few more offensive symbols of man's seemingly unquenchable need to spread division and suspicion than the Berlin Wall.

Which makes it all the more marvelous that, last year, it was replaced by that most inoffensive and friendly of man-made constructs—the bicycle path.

And what a path it is. The Mauerweg traces the foundations of the Wall (all 100 miles) and takes the cyclist on a journey through the thriving city, uplifting countryside and, at times, through history itself.

Serious cyclists can complete the Mauerweg in a day—but being fast means that you might miss the point.

You start at Potsdamer Platz amid cutting-edge architecture, then follow the grey signs that lead you away from the hubbub.

The trail is divided into 14 sections; each one has its own character and its own story. In fact, the sense of history might stop you in your tracks.

But so will the sense of the future—because here, in the ruins and the shadow of the Wall, you see modern-day Berliners enjoying the simple pleasure of the greenbelt around the city. They walk dogs, they picnic, and the sheer normality of it all somehow adds to its beauty.

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Eugene Henderson
Metro World News in London

When a bicycle is a time machine

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Cyclist at the Berlin Wall, 1961.

There are many historic sites on the Mauerweg.

You will bike by the former Gestapo headquarters where a wedge of it still stands, the spot where a 32- year-old citizen named Michael Gartenschlaeger was shot with 120 Stasi bullets for attempting to dismantle a machine gun, past the notorious Glienicker Brücke where Cold-War spies were exchanged, and Lake Wannsee where the henchmen of the Third Reich would make merry.

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Emotional landscape

Monument Valley's history, views will move you

PAUL BALDWIN
Metro World News

It's hard not to get a bit emotional in Monument Valley, it's just that kind of place.

Awe is the first emotion; because the landscape, towering surreal sandstone buttes that look like they have no business being on earth, are awesome — awesome like what-a-truly-incredible-planet-we-live-on awesome.

You will find no shortage of guides along the Utah-Arizona border willing to help you explore either on foot, or horseback, or 4x4.

But there's only one real option if you want to see the area — horseback.

You can negotiate anything from an hour to a week, and haggle about the price which usually ranges from about $10 for an hour to $50 for a day of riding.

The guides are extraordinarily knowledgeable about the region's history. And after a potted version of what was basically a genocide (culminating in "The Long Walk" when the battered and bowed Navajo walked a corpse-strewn path to a new and wholly inadequate reservation) you'll find yourself emotionally wrought things in a silent landscape, the winds, genuinely affecting.

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Volt steps up

General Motors took its Chevrolet Volt to another level at the Beijing auto show by showcasing a crossover utility vehicle based on the upcoming range-extended electric vehicle.

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Tribute one for the ages

MARK ATKINSON
for Metro Canada

2010 Mazda Tribute

Type: Compact SUV
Price: From $23,450
Engine: from 2.5L 4-cylinder
HP: 171
Fuel economy: 10.1/7.2L/100 km (city/highway)

Highlights

- Plenty of safety systems
- Good gas mileage

When it comes to the old line, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it," there are several auto manufacturers who have one or two offerings that have stood the test of time.

The Ford Escape and the Mazda Tribute — a pair of compact SUVs — are two prime examples. However, they continue to sell like hotcakes, despite the aging bones hiding underneath the botox'd sheet metal.

Of the two, the Tribute is the one aimed at a more urban environment. Given Mazda's penchant for creating solid driving machines, it's also the more satisfying one to pilot.

The 2010 version we had on test was the entry-level GX, powered by the company's new 171-hp 2.5-litre four-cylinder engine, mated to an optional six-speed automatic transmission.

While it is possible to get all-wheel drive with the base engine, ours sent power only to the fronts. But winter tires and a bunch of safety systems, like traction and stability control, meant there was little that could get the Tribute really stuck.

The upside of driving a four-banger is good gas mileage, and the Mazda doesn't disappoint, with ratings of 10.1/7.2 L/100 km (city/highway).

Compared to the firmly tuned CX-7 crossover that's roughly the same size and uses the same four-cylinder engine, the Tribute is softer and more comfortable on the highway, but still maintains some nimble moves. It does feel quicker, though, because it has significantly less weight to haul around.

The 2010 Mazda Tribute has some nimble moves and is a good fit for an urban environment.

It's inside the cabin where the Tribute falls down compared to its rivals. While Mazda has applied its own touches — like the glossy piano-black inserts on the centre console — on a design largely created by Ford, the results are underwhelming.

There's only so much you can do when you're restricted by a body that hasn't changed substantially in 10 years. Room in the second row is pretty good, and the rear seats do fold completely flat after popping up the rear seat cushions first. Cargo room is competitive, but don't expect sheets of drywall to fit properly thanks to the Tribute's narrow width.

Starting at nearly $23,450, the Tribute's very close to the technically superior offerings from Honda and Hyundai. And if you opt for the 240-hp V6, expect to be shelling out nearly $28,000.

Vehicle at your voice command

AutoPilot

Mike Goetz

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As I walk up to the hotel where I am to meet up with Paul Aldighieri, I have no clue what to expect.

Aldighieri is doing some media interviews, before he is to deliver the keynote address at the Canadian Universities Technology Conference, hosted by Toronto's Ryerson University.

Aldighieri is a professor in Human Factors, as well as an ergonomics engineer, and is currently a member of Ford's Global Human Machine Interface (HMI) team.

With those credentials, I'm picturing maybe a cross between Iron Man and my Grade 10 math teacher, Mr. Runstettler.

But Aldighieri, a Windsor native and University of Waterloo grad, is very much his own man, an articulate, youngish, urbane guy, wearing a black T-shirt and blue jeans.

The theme of the conference is how people interact with technology — something the HMI team has been examining for the last four years, as it developed MyFord and MyLincoln, the automaker's new way of connecting the driver to all the vehicle's information and entertainment features.

"In 2006, Derek Kuzak (VP, Global Product Design), was looking at what was coming, this onslaught of information possibilities. He determined that we had to do something differently, to help people manage information in a car. He told us to come up with 'a mouse.' What the mouse did for the computing industry, that's what he wanted for the car — that was the assignment."

The HMI team then formed, the first cross-functional team to work on this aspect of the vehicle. It consisted of Aldighieri (Human Factors), a product designer, an ergonomics engineer, and an electronics engineers. MyLincoln debuted on the 2011 Lincoln MKX, while MyFord debuted on the 2011 Ford Edge and Focus. Basically, they do away with traditional joysticks and rotary dials, and use five-way controllers on the steering wheel, LED touch screens, and voice commands.

"There will always be more technology wanting to get into the car… But human capability isn't really changing too much; we're stuck with our neurons … So the job of the human-machine interface is to create strategies to bring those technologies under the (human capability) line. And in a car it's even more critical, as there is also this big task called 'driving.'"

But do you feel weird talking to your car? I do. Paul says many others do too. But in the long run, I say you better get over it. Voice command is how it's going to be.

Michael Goetz has been writing about cars and editing automotive publications for over 20 years. He lives in Toronto with his family and a neglected 1967 Jaguar E-type.

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Nissan floats Leaf website

Nissan Canada has launched a new consumer website for its Leaf, offering Canadians the opportunity to learn about its new all-electric vehicle. The Leaf will go on sale in Canada in the second half of 2011. CANADIANDRIVER.COM

Jetta, Golf solid German combo

JUSTIN PRITCHARD
for Metro Canada

MODEL: 1999 to 2005 Volkswagen Golf / Jetta
VEHICLE TYPE: Sedan / Hatchback
APPROXIMATE USED PRICE RANGE: $3,000 to $14,000

HISTORY/DESCRIPTION: Few if any cars brought German-engineered motoring to the masses like the Volkswagen Jetta and its hatchback sibling, the Golf. By offering a high-quality cabin, refined powertrains and a taste of the European luxury highlife, the Jetta and Golf brought the sought-after attributes of a German car to an affordable level. Last-generation models were on sale from 1999 to 2005.

The Jetta and Golf model range offered something for everyone. In addition to hatchback, sedan and wagon body styles, several engines were also available– including a standard 115-horsepower four-cylinder and a powerful 2.8 litre V6. A turbocharged four-cylinder were also available, as was the brand's acclaimed TDI diesel engine.

Look for horsepower ranging from 115 with the standard four-cylinder engine up to 200 with the late-model VR6 powerplant on board. Transmission choices included a five or six-speed manual, as well as a four or five-speed automatic– depending on the model in question.

Features included heated leather seating, remote access, a sunroof, an upgraded stereo system and plenty more.

Second Gear

WHAT OWNERS LIKE: No surprises here. Most owners say they love the way their Jetta and Golfs feel — in terms of handling, ride quality, steering and acceleration. Performance with the upper-level engines is also frequently praised, as are the luxurious appointments, styling, mileage and high-quality driving atmosphere.

WHAT OWNERS HATE: Common gripes include a tight rear seat, louder-than-expected base engine, and the placement and size of the cupholders.

COMMON ISSUES: The Jetta and Golf were popular for many reasons, but relative reliability wasn't one of them. A list of careful checks is advised prior to setting off on a test-drive. Check for smooth, operation of all power windows in both directions, and spend some time ensuring all interior electronic devices work as expected– noting that many owners have reported niggling electrical and wiring problems. An illuminated check-engine light, hesitation under acceleration or poor overall performance could be the result of a failed or failing engine control sensor. If you notice any of these symptoms, be sure to have them addressed.

Skip any model with an automatic gearbox that feels jerky or hard during gear changes, and also avoid models with the 1.8 liter turbo engine if its full service history isn't available. These engines were known for a potentially fatal oil sludge problem that could be an issue if the oil wasn't changed religiously.

THE VERDICT: If you're set on a Jetta or Golf for its upscale driving experience, be sure to have any model you're considering inspected by a qualified VW technician prior to purchase.

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NLC to close campuses, lay off staff
Faced with a $2.5 million shortfall, B.C.-based Northern Lights College has had to close campus operations in Atlin and Dease Lake and reduce staff, both non-unionized staff and unionized faculty and support staff. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Workology

FNUC plans to sell campus

First Nations University of Canada president Shauneen Pete announced this week that the institution will sell its satellite campus in Saskatoon as part of a major financial overhaul. Cuts to faculty and staff are also expected to take place at FNUC's other campuses in Regina and Prince Albert. All students from the Saskatoon campus will be able to complete their degrees. REGINA LEADER-POST

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Vet school check list: Grades, guts, heart

Paws, Claws **and Jobs**

JON TATTRIE
for Metro Canada

There's an old saying that doctors treat ailing humans while veterinarians deal with everything else. "We say real doctors work on more than one species," laughs Kylie Evans, director of student services at the University of Calgary's faculty of veterinarian medicine.

Becoming a vet requires a mix of academic achievement and personal disposition. Calgary, like most vet programs, selects students based on strong grades and a strong interview convincing them the potential student can make the cut. Only about 30 of the 150 annual applicants are accepted.

The four-year program is hands-on and students work with real animals within weeks of starting. "There's a lot to learn so it's generally an intense course," Evans says.

Evans is originally from Australia and has worked in several countries as a small-animal vet. The employability is a huge plus to the field, she says.

"I don't think I've ever met an unemployed vet," she says. "There's a veterinary shortage throughout the world."

Serge Messier, a faculty member at the University of Montreal, says they take about 90 students a year and 85 per cent are female.

The mostly French-language programs are largely set, but students can chose electives in later years to point to more specific career paths. The fifth year is clinical rotations and everyone emerges with the same qualification as a general veterinary practitioner, whether they want to work with cats and dogs or cows and horses.

"Those that go on the job market don't have any difficulty finding places to work," he says.

Douglas Freeman, dean of the Western College of Veterinarian Medicine at the University of Saskatchewan, adds that it's true, so long as you're flexible about field and location. Saddled with student loans and desiring to live in a city, many graduates seek more lucrative work in urban or suburban small-animal clinics that cater to pets.

"We have a hard time across North America of attracting and keeping veterinarians in rural, production-animal practice," he says.

Along with a passion for medicine, students should have a love for all animals, including humans, as dealing with an animal means dealing with its owner.

Vets also blend compassion with pragmatism for the hard side of the job. Putting down a healthy animal, be it a dog with behaviour problems or a cow that isn't worth fixing, is never easy, Freeman says.

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B.C. to oversee UBC's land-use planning
Last week, the B.C. government introduced legislation to transfer control of local land-use planning for the University of British Columbia's Vancouver campus from the Metro Vancouver regional government to the province. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Workology in **brief**

A NEW UNIVERSITY COLLEGE A Manitoba NDP MLA recently introduced legislation that would make official the status of William and Catherine Booth College, a Winnipeg-based theological institution and seminary affiliated with the Salvation Army, as a university college. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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"NOT MANY MEN HAVE BOTH GOOD FORTUNE AND GOOD SENSE."
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Employees faced with changes to their jobs used to just deal with the problem and move on. Seldom did they protest and if they did — it often did not matter. Now, armed with the knowledge that they can resign instead and sue for constructive dismissal, employees faced with a problem at work will call their lawyer.

What is a constructive dismissal and when will this claim succeed?

Changed hours of work

If a specific shift or certain hours have become customary, an employer cannot make any real change without that employee's consent. In a recent Ontario case, the court found that Ken Blair was constructively dismissed because, after nine years of working only rotating shifts, his company suddenly forced him to work nights.

Reduction in compensation

Pay cuts, even minor ones, can permit an employee to leave and then sue for severance. There are cases where a five per cent reduction in overall pay was viewed as a dismissal, but there are also cases where a 13 per cent decline was rejected. As well, since compensation is made up of benefits, bonuses or any other perquisite, a change to these terms can also amount to a dismissal.

Temporary layoff

Unless a contract provides otherwise, there is no right to lay off an employee. If not recalled back to work in a reasonable time period, that employee can view the job as at an end and sue for severance.

Changed responsibilities

Unless a contract states otherwise, an employee is hired for a defined job and this cannot be changed without consent. Since employers cannot "force" new duties on employees, usually these occur over time and it is often by design. However, whether a job gradually changes or is changed overnight will seldom matter. The courts will ask whether the job the employee is performing is what she was hired to do.

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If something drastic has changed in your outlook at your job, complaining to the world isn't likely going to help. However, you may be able to resign and sue for constructive dismissal.

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Trent board approves multi-year strategic enrolment plan
Last week, Trent University's board of governors approved the 2010-13 Multi-Year Enrolment and Retention Plan, providing a framework for the institution to grow its enrolment in Oshawa, Ont., for the next three years and strategically boost Trent's overall student numbers. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Creative teams soar high post-recession

There may be one upside to the challenging economic conditions of the past few years: Creative teams are stronger now than before the recession.

Most marketing and advertising executives say their teams are stronger now than they were before the recession began.

Sixty-one per cent of advertising and marketing executives polled said the caliber of their firms' creative talent is higher than it was three years ago. According to this Creative Group study, only six per cent felt the level of talent within their firm had declined.

"Businesses hold on to their best people, even in a difficult economy. But many companies are also taking the opportunity to enhance the overall skills of their teams by upgrading their talent bench," said Donna Farrugia, executive director of The Creative Group. "High unemployment levels have left many talented creative professionals in search of jobs."

Farrugia added that retaining top creative talent will become more of a concern as the economy gains momentum. "Many employees are biding their time, waiting for new opportunities to open as the recovery takes hold," she said. "It's important to identify key staff members now and make sure these workers know they are appreciated and that there is a career path for them within the organization."

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Workology in brief

ST. CLAIR BREAKS GROUND FOR CENTRE FOR APPLIED HEALTH SCIENCES St. Clair College in Windsor, Ont., held a groundbreaking ceremony last Friday for its $32 million Centre for Applied Health Sciences. College president John Strasser says St. Clair's current complement of up to 1,500 health sciences students will expand by at least 20 per cent, or up to 300 students, in the centre's first year. The centre, to open in 2012, is expected to offer courses in cardiopulmonary technology, dental assisting and hygiene, nursing, physiotherapy, radiology technology, and respiratory therapy.

MUN LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE This week Memorial University unveiled a redesigned website. Dominating the new-look homepage is a graphic banner linking to the university's latest annual report. The new site focuses on campuses and services, with an "Explore Our Campuses" menu on the right-hand side of the homepage with links to pages about MUN's six campuses. Later this month, the university will launch a new virtual tour for St. John's that uses maps, photography, and video to take visitors around the campus and city. MUN website

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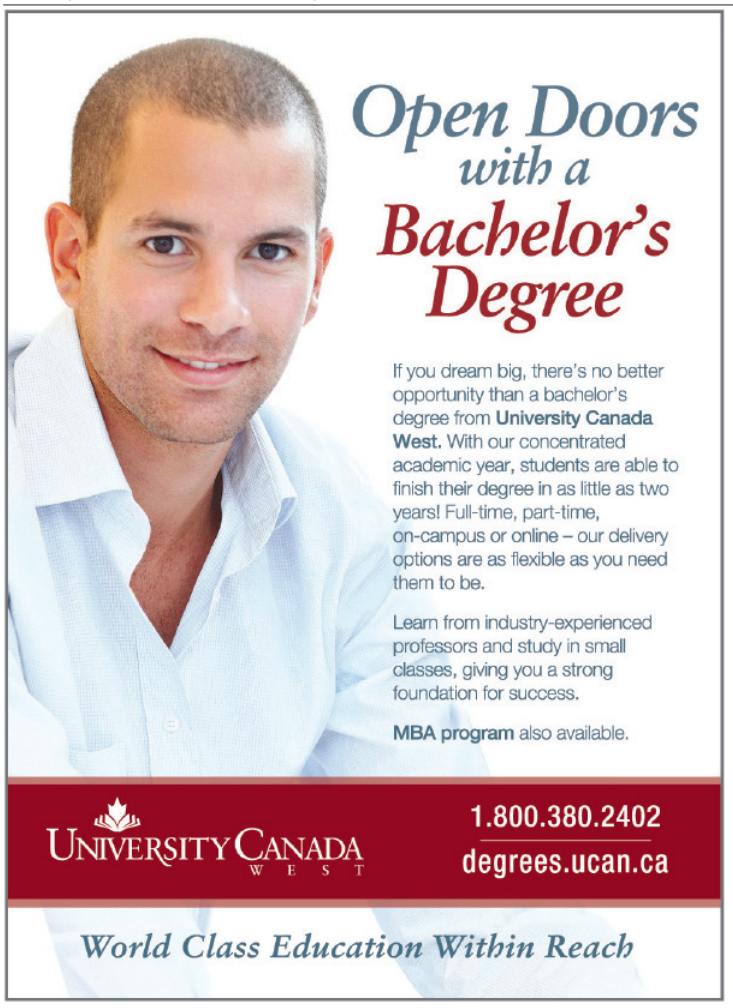

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Cruise and Diaz join MTV lineup

Tom Cruise and his Knight and Day costar Cameron Diaz are among the first presenters announced for this year's MTV Movie Awards. The actors will be joined on the starry telecast by Diddy, who is also a confirmed presenter. PEOPLE.COM

Entertainment

So Much Bieber

Canadian commotion-causer Justin Bieber and American sweetheart Katy Perry will take centre stage at the 2010 MuchMusic Video Awards. Both will perform at the June 20 event.

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Movie moms break new ground

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

With Mother's Day quickly approaching, this isn't just a reminder to order flowers, buy a card and book brunch for dear mumsy; it's also a reminder that, at least in Hollywood, moms are still trying to get out of the kitchen.

"We've made some strides certainly as a culture," states University of Toronto Cinema Studies Professor Corinn Columpar. "But I think there's a lot of holdover from the past."

The traditional image of on-screen mothers has surely evolved since the mid-'60s when pre-feminist films like The Thrill of it All portrayed Doris Day as a mom who makes it in the working world only to concede to her begrudging husband that she wants to "go back to just being a doctor's wife."

However, as Columpar contends, most mainstream movies still feature maternal roles that fit into either one of two traditional cinematic archetypes: The self-sacrificing martyr (typified by classics like Mildred Pierce or Stella Dallas) or the domineering mother (as in Mommie Dearest or even Alfred Hitchcock's Psycho).

"Think about Precious," says Columpar of the recent Oscar-nominated domineering-mother drama. "Precious is basically all about a girl having to define herself against her mother ... that mother is short of being a monster but she's still very much drawn in a way that's familiar."

Columpar adds that typically when Hollywood casts moms as central characters, "Those tend to be understood of a melodramatic tradition and that isn't typically a popular cinematic tradition."

"When I think about some of the most interesting, contemporary films about mothers — and specifically about the relationships mothers have with their children — they're small films, usually made by independent filmmakers."

The lesbian/parental comedy The Kids Are Alright is a more progressive example of motherhood.

Columpar points to upcoming movies Please Give and the lesbian/parental comedy The Kids Are Alright as more progressive examples of motherhood in cinema.

Still, she remains encouraged that even if maternal roles are diversifying ever so slowly, at least moms' on-screen visibility is on the rise.

"(Mainly) that has to do with, for example, the rise in Chick-Lit and its corollary in cinema," says Columpar.

"I still don't know if I'd say that's where you're finding interesting representations of motherhood but there is a sense that the boys market is falling off a little bit."

Bonding over the reel world

Metro movie critic Anne Brodie talks about her travels through the world of film with her mother.

My mother is Lorna Mary Morris Lawrence Brodie, a very proper 89-year old English war veteran who watched Allied bombers fly across the channel to France on D-Day from her radar desk.

She met my father, Col. John Brodie, and came to Canada with him as a war bride, where she knew no one. She raised three children, later alone, and didn't have time for movies. She worried as I frittered hours away at the show or glued to TV. She was energetic and curious, traveling to Turkey, China, Scandinavia, South America, Europe preferring real life to reel life. "Man's reach should exceed his grasp, or what's a heaven for?" was her mantra.

But in the last several years as she slowed down, movies brought us together in unexpected ways. She asks me about the films I screen and wishes me "good inspiration" to write the reviews. Mother came to the occasional screening and junket in L.A., where she waltzed with Mel Gibson in the lobby of the Four Seasons.

Metro movie writer Anne Brodie and her mom Lorna Mary Morris Lawrence Brodie.

Gradually she opened her mind to films and developed a passion for documentaries. We used to watch films in the nursing home theatre but that got to be a bit too much for her. It's bittersweet and urgent as her health fails, but we manage laughs and connection. I tell her elaborate movie plots, like Scheherazade. She recently gave me her collection of Hollywood star cigarette cards from the '30s that I long coveted.

Our tastes are dissimilar; she doesn't care much for "old" films, which I love, because she doesn't like looking backwards.

ANNE BRODIE/
FOR METRO CANADA

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All Bones lead to Montreal

Quick: name the hit American TV show developed in a lab in Quebec.

The show is Bones, and author Kathy Reichs based Temperance Brennan — the heroine of her crime novels which inspired the TV series — on her own experiences as a Montreal-based forensic anthropologist.

Reichs' 13th Temperance Brennan novel, Spider Bones, comes out in August but the first episode she's ever written for the series, The Witch and the Wardrobe, airs tonight on Global.

The show, which stars Emily Deschanel as forensic anthropologist Temperance (Bones) Brennan and David Boreanaz as FBI special agent Seeley Booth, is a Top 20 hit, ranking 12th overall the week of April 19-26 with close to 1.7 million viewers according to preliminary audience data from BBM Canada.

A professor of anthropology at the University of North Carolina (UNC), Reichs got word of a one-year exchange program offered by McGill and Concordia. Having just completed a French course, she jumped at the offer. While she was teaching in Quebec, the Laboratoire des Sciences was seeking someone who was board certified in forensic anthropology and could also speak French.

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Forensic specialist, novelist and scriptwriter Kathy Reichs

"They had a pool of one candidate," says Reichs, "And that was me."

When her exchange year was up, Reichs went back and worked out a deal with UNC where she would commute one week of every six to Montreal.

"I've been doing that ever since 1990," she says.

Reichs is frequently called upon to be an expert witness in forensic evidence. She has testified before the UN Tribunal on Genocide in Rwanda and done forensic work at Ground Zero at the site of the World Trade Center in New York.

"My colleagues, we don't know how we all of a sudden became hot and sexy," she says.

Reichs submitted her first novel — based on her forensic crime lab experiences — in 1996 and figures it was the O.J. Simpson trial that really kick started general interest in the gory details.

"People listened to that stuff twenty-four/seven," she says. "Blood spatter patterns and DNA angles, stab wounds and trajectory."

Reichs' episode, The Witch in the Wardrobe, finds Booth and Brennan investigating a cabin in the woods where two bodies — one a modern day witch and one from the days of the Salem Witch Trials — send the investigative team into the world of Wicca in order to catch a killer.

Bones airs tonight on Global

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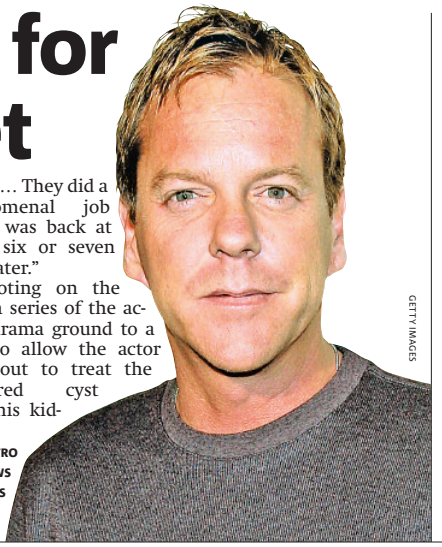
Oh look, Sienna's smitten, again

Sienna Miller turned heads at Monday's Metropolitan Museum Costume Institute gala in NYC. Miller walked down the red carpet with ex Jude Law — their first major appearance since getting back together last year, usmagazine.com reports. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Thanks medics for the fresh socket



GETTY IMAGES

WHAT? YOU DIDN'T HEAL IN SIX MINUTES? JACK WOULD HAVE Kiefer Sutherland has publicly thanked the medics who helped him get back to work on TV drama 24 just six days after he ruptured a cyst on his abdominal wall, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The actor spoke out for the first time about his emergency surgery in February on Monday's Ellen show in the U.S. — because he missed an appearance on the program because of his health scare.

Explaining his absence, Sutherland told host Ellen DeGeneres, "I had an adrenal cyst on my abdominal wall.

"About 75 per cent of us have cysts in our bodies and I was doing a scene on 24, where I picked up a dead body, and the weight of that, combined with, apparently my age, ruptured the cyst and it started to bleed into my abdomen … so they had to take it out.

"It all took place pretty quick … They did a phenomenal job and I was back at work six or seven days later."

Shooting on the eighth series of the action drama ground to a halt to allow the actor time out to treat the ruptured cyst near his kidney.

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No bones about it

HE CHEATED ON HER. A LOT David Boreanaz admits he's cheated on his wife.

"Our marriage has been tainted with my infidelities," the Bones star tells People magazine.

"I just want to be open and honest. I was irresponsible."

Boreanaz also admits he's coming forward because a former mistress threatened to go to the media. "She asked for money," he explains. "I felt as though I was being blackmailed or there was some sort of extortion."

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CelebTweets

PARIS HILTON is looking for a Lost tutorial, **LINDSAY LOHAN** is bracing for a visit from Dina Lohan, and **JOHN CUSACK** is weeding out the fans he doesn't like.

@ParisHilton Going to catch up on LOST. I have a couple on my Tivo that I haven't seen yet. Can someone please explain to me what the heck is going on?

@lindsaylohan oh, mother daughter time... here we go lol

@johncusack would love if all flag sucking halfwits who saw lloyd dobbler as apolitical would unfollow — they didnt pay attention to film anyway

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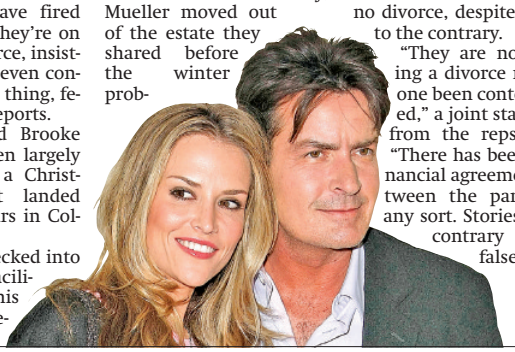
They're sticking it out

THAT'S NICE, BUT HOW IS BOTH OF THEM GOING TO REHAB 'UNRELATED'? Charlie Sheen and his wife have fired back at reports they're on the verge of divorce, insisting they haven't even contemplated such a thing, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The actor and Brooke Mueller have been largely estranged since a Christmas Day fight landed Sheen behind bars in Colorado.

The couple checked into separate rehab facilities earlier this year for unrelated and unrelated reasons, and when Sheen headed home recently, Mueller moved out of the estate they shared before the winter problems.



But the pair's representatives insist there will be no divorce, despite stories to the contrary.

"They are not seeking a divorce nor has one been contemplated," a joint statement from the reps reads. "There has been no financial agreements between the parties of any sort. Stories to the contrary are false."

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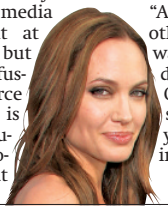
White House, shmite house

NO REALLY, SHE DOESN'T THINK SHE'S BETTER THAN YOU, MICHELLE. SHE KNOWS IT Angelina Jolie once again snubbed Barack Obama by not attending the White House Correspondents' Dinner, according to Popeater.

"Angelina is always invited by several media outlets to sit at their table, but she always refuses," a source says. "Angie is filming in Europe at the moment, but that isn't the reason she didn't attend. She didn't go because on her weekends off she would rather spend her time helping those who really need it rather than sitting, drinking champagne and laughing at bad jokes in a fancy D.C. ballroom.



"Angie doesn't judge other celebrities for wanting to rub shoulders with President Obama. It's just she is someone who thinks your actions are more important than words."

METRO WORLD NEWS

He's 21-Jump-Street trained

HE'S ALSO AN EXPERT IN BANDANA TIEING AND JEANS RIPPING Johnny Depp apparently has enough star power to thwart a mugging, according to the Sun.

The actor and a friend were recently leaving an L.A. recording studio when the friend was approached by a man brandishing a broken bottle. But when the would-be mugger spotted the Pirates of the Caribbean star, he backed off.

"He looked at Johnny and said, 'I ain't stealing from Captain Jack' and put the bottle down," a source says. "Johnny gave him a few bucks and told him to straighten up his life."

METRO WORLD NEWS

The former First Lady likes the down beat

IT'S A SMALL STEP FROM LIKING REGGAE TO THE LEGALIZATION OF MARAJUANA What does former First Lady Laura Bush have on her iPod?

The answer may surprise you, people.com reports.

"My mom's a secret Rastafarian," her daughter Jenna said in an interview on the Oprah Winfrey Show yesterday. She plays Bob Marley around the house.

Appearing on the show with her sister Barbara and mom Laura, who was promoting her new memoir Spoken from the Heart, Jenna explained what a typical night at the Bush family ranch in Crawford, Texas, is like.

There's the music (the family also listens to old country (songs), says Jenna), family activities and plenty of food.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Diaz hits a dining home run

STILL DON'T GET THIS PAIRING. TO EACH THEIR OWN Cameron Diaz and Alex Rodriguez have been keeping mum on their reported relationship, but all appears to be going well.

The couple dined with pal Kate Winslet over the weekend, according to Page Six.

"They all shared a delicious meal and several bottles of French red wine," a source says. And after dinner, Diaz reportedly stayed over at the Yankees slugger's home, as she was spotted leaving Sunday morning.

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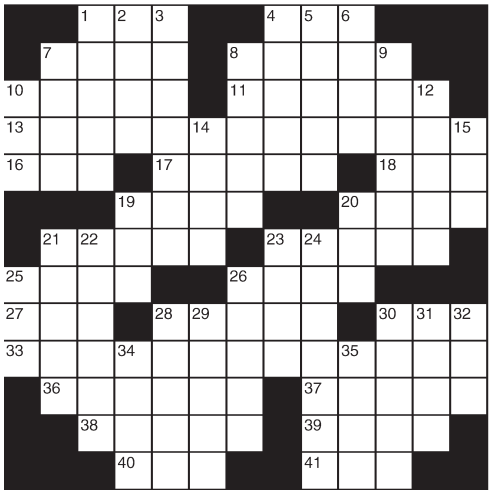

ACROSS

1 — Mahal
4 Piglets' parent
7 Former attorney general
8 Retract a comment
10 Billing cycle, often
11 Godly beverage
13 Shiny shoe material
16 Abbr. for Elizabeth II
17 Bake eggs
18 Unclose, in verse
19 Sulk
20 Snitched
21 Genghis and Kublai
23 "Loves me (not)" flower
25 Encounter
26 Kaplan who played Kotter
27 Regis and Kelly's network
28 Finnish hot spot
30 Spy-novel org.
33 Phrase that prevents idea theft
36 Shepherd of rhyme
37 Likewise
38 Pass along
39 Sandwich cookie
40 Shade provider
41 Homer's neighbor

DOWN

1 First extra inning
2 Initial chip
3 Kennedy successor
4 Villainous look
5 Prize for Sandra Bullock
6 1/746 horsepower
7 Bellow
8 Dark
9 Boorish sorts
10 Speedometer stat
12 Answer
14 So
15 Scarlet
19 Sajak or Summerall
20 Dead heat
21 Skewered entree
22 Actor Elizondo
23 Copenhagen resident
24 Strand
25 Chart
26 Tiny fish
28 Short fishing line
29 First-stringers
30 Gave as an example
31 Grooving on
32 Past
34 Duel tool
35Catastrophic

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

			4		6			1
5	4		2			8		
	6		9					
						7		9
8	3						4	5
2		6						
					9		1	
		1			7		8	3
7			5		4			

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

S	T	I	R	■	U	S	A	■	A	P	S	E
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M	A	L	L	R	A	T	■	O	A	S	I	S
■	■	■	A	I	R	■	I	L	L	■	■	■
T	R	E	N	D	■	H	A	L	L	W	A	Y
I	C	E	■	■	W	E	N	■	■	A	G	E
C	A	L	L	B	O	X	■	P	S	H	A	W
■	■	■	A	U	K	■	P	A	P	■	■	■
S	C	A	D	S	■	F	A	L	L	G	U	Y
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A	G	U	E	■	L	E	A	■	E	V	E	N
G	E	M	S	■	A	W	N	■	N	E	S	S

7	6	8	5	3	2	1	9	4
9	2	5	1	7	4	3	8	6
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2	3	1	9	5	7	4	6	8
4	8	9	3	6	1	7	5	2
6	5	7	2	4	8	9	1	3
1	4	6	7	2	5	8	3	9
5	7	3	6	8	9	2	4	1
8	9	2	4	1	3	6	7	5

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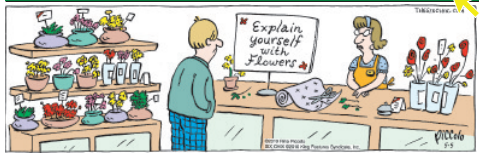

Metro Recipe of the Day

Broiled Salmon with Avocado-Mango Salsa

INGREDIENTS:

2 1/2 tsp paprika
2 tsp ground coriander
3/4 tsp salt
4 skinless, boneless salmon fillets
1 large mango, peeled and cut into 1-cm chunks
1 hass avocado, peeled and cut into 1-cm chunks
1 cup canned chickpeas, drained and rinsed
1/3 cup chopped cilantro
1 tsp grated lemon zest
2 tbsp fresh lemon juice
2 tsp olive oil
6 cups mesclun or frisée lettuce, torn into bite-size pieces

METHOD:

1. In large bowl, stir paprika, coriander and salt. Measure out 2 tsp spice mixture and sprinkle over salmon, rubbing it into fish. Place salon, skin-side down, in broiler pan.

2. To remaining spice mixture, add mango, avocado, chickpeas, cilantro, lemon zest, lemon juice, and oil; toss to combine.

3. Broil salmon 15 cm from heat 5 minutes for medium. Serve salmon and salsa on bed of frisée lettuce.

SERVES 4

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Just because others are going all out to make money does not mean you have to follow their example. What's right for them may not be right for you.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Where you are coming from is of no importance. What matters is where you are going to – and with the Sun in your sign you can really go places now.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Your confidence may be fragile at the moment but that does not mean you should stay at home with the door locked and the drapes closed.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Think about what you are going to say before you actually say it. You may be in an high-spirited mood at the moment but not everyone will appreciate it.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
It may be frustrating that you cannot do what you want to do but even a Leo has to accept that sometimes the world does not revolve according to their needs.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
You may think that someone is behaving badly, and maybe they are, but it is not your job to point it out to them.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
What happens today may shatter a few illusions but at least you'll know where you stand. Social activities may have to take a back seat for the moment.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
You have allowed worries to grow so that you can think of nothing else. In the greater scheme of things, our everyday cares are of little consequence.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
If you are finding it difficult to sit down and talk things over with others you should take it as a sign that this is not the right time.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
Stay alert and don't get angry when events you had not anticipated disrupt your routine. Like it or not you cannot possibly control each and every detail.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
Put loved ones first today. Whatever it is that you desire can easily be put off to a later date, but what they want has to be dealt with now.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
If you are hoping for a breakthrough in your job or career then things will start to move quickly over the next few days.

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